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For: MAGNETIC TUNNEL MAGNETO-RESISTANCE DEVICE AND MAGNETIC
 MEMORY USING SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0134096, published July 2003.
2. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0276099, published December 2005.
3. U.S. Patent No. 7,264,974, issued September 2007.

None of the listed documents is submitted herewith, since each is a U.S. patent or patent publication. A copy of the Notice of Allowance, dated March 4, 2008, issued in corresponding co-pending U.S. application no. 10/697,124, which cites the listed documents, is attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicants are submitting the statutory fee of \$180.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880 via EFS payment screen under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the mailing date of the communication issued in the corresponding co-pending U.S. application and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d) is attached.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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